

"UNCLE JOE'S" DINNER PARTY GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE GRID- IRON CLUB.

President There, and Many Other Great
and Good Men—Also an Opportunity
That May Have Come From Danville,
Ill.—Information for the Visitors.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Speaker Cannon was the host at a dinner to-night in honor of the Gridiron Club and in addition to its members there were present President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, members of the diplomatic corps, Senators, Representatives and many other prominent people. Covers were laid for more than 200. The dinner was served in the ballroom of the New Willard Hotel. The most striking feature among the decorations was an exact model of the United States Capitol, ten feet long, lighted by electricity and set in a miniature park.

Just as the coffee was being served a portion of an excursion party from Danville, Ill., Speaker Cannon's home, arrived at the Willard looking for "Uncle Joe," and their appearance in the dining hall, accompanied by one of the official guides to the Capitol, created a diversion which was greatly appreciated by the diners. The Danville people were delighted over the chance afforded them to see so many distinguished persons and showed it plainly. They asked many questions of the guide and insisted that he point out public men of whom they had heard.

In the party were a newly married couple, the bride of the blushing, unsophisticated type, who was worried by the thought that her fellow townsman, the Speaker, might recognize her husband and heretofore "Have no fear, maiden," said the guide. "Mr. Cannon never recognizes any one who hasn't been four years in Congress."

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HANDMADE BOOTS TO UNCLE JOE

The Speaker Now Clothed From Head to Feet in South Carolina Raiment.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—J. C. Hemphill, editor of the Charleston News and Courier and manager of "Uncle Joe" Cannon Boot Fund, to-day brought with him from South Carolina and presented to the Speaker of the House a pair of handmade boots built by a Charleston cobbler. The boots complete "Uncle Joe's" South Carolina outfit, the movement to clothe him in raiment the sole growth and product of the Palmetto State being started by Representative Wyatt Allen of South Carolina, who presented the Speaker with a suit of homespun jeans and who followed up the gift with numerous other articles of personal adornment and comfort from his constituents, 'till now the Speaker, with his wool hat and handmade boots, is garbed from crown to sole in South Carolina raiment.

The boots are of the style worn by statesmen of an earlier day. They cost \$15 and were paid for by popular subscription, the limit of contribution being one cent.

"But," said Mr. Hemphill in his letter transmitting the footwear, "the number fell somewhat short of expectation and equalled only about the normal Republican vote in off years. Two courses were open under the circumstances, either to follow the lead of that great American financier, the Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, and declare a deficit in the treasury or raise the limit; but no well regulated sound money Democrat would adopt the former, and it was impossible after the game had been called to do the latter. It became necessary therefore to rely upon the efficacy of certain undigested securities to settle the score. It will probably stir your sporting blood to be told that the humble Representative of the people who charged himself with the performance of a high, patriotic service, which must be regarded as cumulative evidence of a routed country, did not suffer at this psychological moment from an attack of cold feet."

Mr. Hemphill says that almost without exception the subscribers to the fund were Democrats of the "John C. Calhoun school."

Mr. Hemphill concludes with the hope "that, having set your feet in the right way, you will walk in to the close of your illustrious career."

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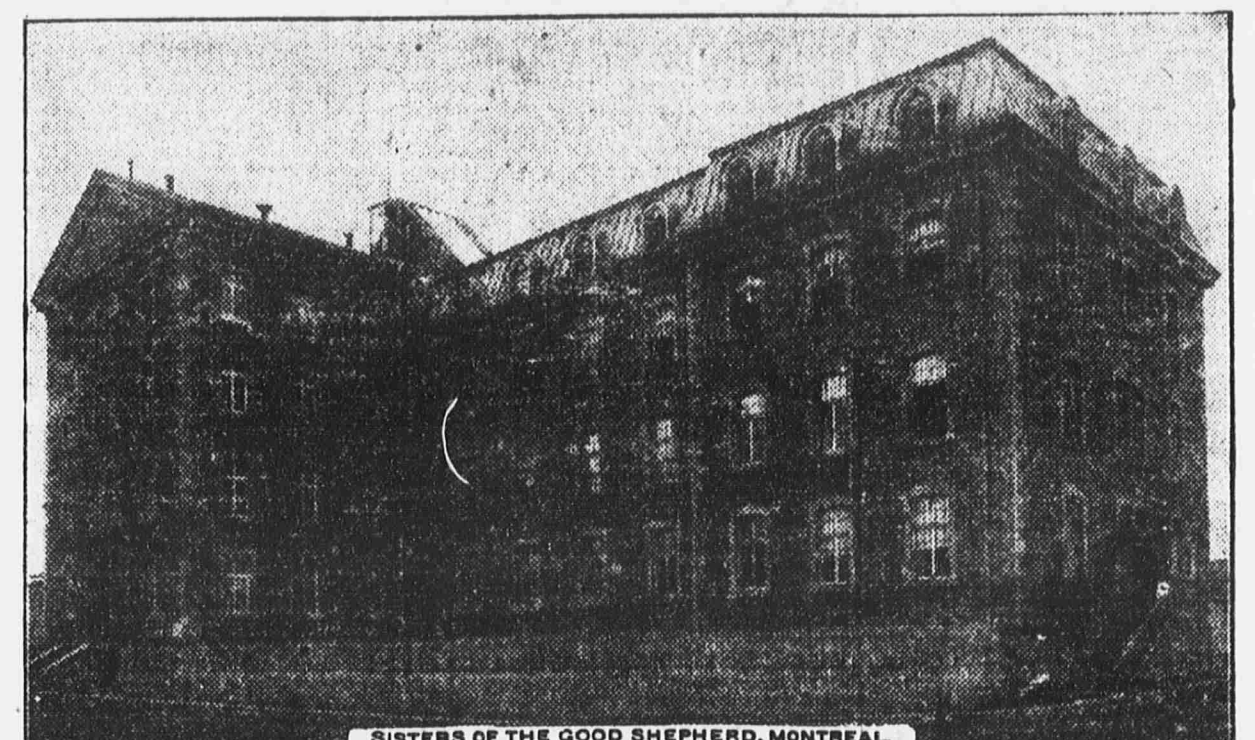
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Only the necessity of allowing Mmes. Sembrich and Fames to say good-by to the local public could account for the remarkable programme that Mr. Conried arranged for the matinee yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The rocco horrors of Sardou set to the intensely modern music of Puccini were displayed in the first and second acts of "Tosca," and they could have found no greater contrast in the operatic repertoire than the second part of the programme, which comprised the second and part of the third act of Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia."

But the audience was large enough to crowd the theatre and enjoyed both operas with the same degree of interest. It was not the operas, however, that interested the listeners. They were there to say farewell to a popular prima donna.

Mme. Eames was not well and delayed the beginning of the opera almost half an hour beyond the appointed time. But the soprano showed no signs of indisposition and sang the second act with unusual suavity and beauty of tone. She was repeatedly recalled with M. Scotti at the close of the opera and bore away her tribute of flowers. Mr. Scotti, who appeared for the last time this season, and M. Dippel, who again displayed his unusual versatility by singing admirably such diverse music as "Lohengrin" and "Les Huguenots," had their share of the applause that Puccini's opera awakened.

Mme. Sembrich, who was in beautiful voice and who only too fully justified the performance of "Il Barbiere" when she sang "Home, Sweet Home" in the lesson scene of Rossini's opera. It came in response to the imperative demand for an encore after "Voce di Primavera," which was really a voice of spring in its silvery freshness. Mme. Sembrich sang the old song with a depth of feeling that held the great audience in reverent silence. The strong outburst at its close brought out "Ah non guine," and the prima donna disappeared finally from view, bearing a load of roses as big as herself.

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Mr. Converse's composition was completed